**Getting Boys Writing: NOTES - JO LUNN**

6 Strategies to motivate and create enjoyment in writing

* Getting boys to achieve and succeed in Writing is the main goal.

The greatest gender difference in achievement is in Writing. Boys seem to be less ready to start writing than girls.

Fine motor skills

Some boys lack the fine motor strength or control to be abel to hold a pen correctly.

Making Connections

Writing needs to be seen as a way of communicating with others. Boys need to be aware of this and be aware that as writers their writing has a greater audiences other than themselves.

Model and ask ‘why’ questions. So we can understand what the reader has written

* Why do we need to leave spaces?
* Why should I use punctuation?
* Why do i need to be specific?

Picture Prompts

Pictures are a great way to get boys particularly involved into writing. (At the start of a modelling session). Asks questions like - what do you see, think and wonder?

Give the students time to talk to their shoulder buddy.

Ask for ideas and reply with things like - is it okay if i borrow that idea, or, What a great idea!

Putting together collaborative stories.

Don’t worry about genres - get kids writing and loving it first.

Dumb it down

Explicit teaching

Picture learning intentions in their books - a visual reminder of what they are working on.

Talk about what makes a good writer.

Feedback and feedforward - relating to their own learning intentions.

Independence Licensed.

-link with writing stages. Innately competitive and goal orientated. Lisences are a huge motivation for boys.

Self assesment against the matrix. Upon ‘leveling up’ - make a huge fuss so it acts as motivation for others.

Lisence holders have other rewards and have proven to be an incentive to get boys writing.

Enthusiam->Competition -> Motivation-> Explicit Teaching-> Success.